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PART II.

OFFICIAL PAPERS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

Food Situation for the week ending 17th July 1920.

Brief abstract of the special reports regarding the food situation for the week ending 17th July 1920.

Bangalore City.—During the week under report 140 carts of ragi and 15 carts of paddy came into the bazaar as against 65 carts of ragi and 4 carts of paddy in the previous week.

The price of ragi ranged from Rs. 86 to Rs. 94 per cart during the week against Rs. 88 to Rs. 96 per cart in the previous week.

There is sufficient stock of rice and ragi in the bazaar for consumers.

The Municipal Depot and the three Test Depots are selling Rangoon rice to the poor. The importers are also selling rice to the public at their depots. The transactions in these depots are being watched by the Inspecting Staff.

Mysore City.—No change.

Bangalore District.—The weather, though cloudy and slightly drizzling, has been disappointing. Rain is urgently wanted for the completion of ploughing operations and sowing. There were light showers in some taluks.

The standing crops are reported to be in good condition in all the other taluks except Bangalore, where they are in need of rain.

Markets are well supplied, but the prices of ragi and rice remain stationary. The price of ragi ranged from 6½ to 9 seers and local rice from 3 to 4½ seers a rupee.

Burma rice is available in Government Depots and Co-operative Societies at 4½ to 4¾ seers a rupee.

Mysore District.—No change. There has been slight drizzling in most parts of the district. It is reported, there has been too much rain in Hunsur and in Heggaddevankote.

More rain is required in other places.

Tumkur District.—There was some rainfall in the taluks of Tumkur, Gubbi, Chiknayakanhalli and Pavagada. In other taluks there was no rain. The price of ragi remains at Rs. 84 per cart load, while that of paddy ranges between Rs. 60 and Rs. 70. Demand for Burma rice is very little. Local rice is being sold at 4¼ to 4½ seers a rupee at Tumkur.

Kolar District.—During the week the rainfall has ranged from 15 to 50 cents only throughout the district. This is quite insufficient and the raiyats are anxiously waiting for more rain to commence their sowing operations.

Local rice is being sold at 4 to 4¼ seers and ragi at 7 to 7½ seers a rupee.

Hassan District.—There was a fairly good fall of rain during the week in the district except in the taluks of Arsikere, Hole-Narsipur and Channarayapatna which had only, 7,75 and 21 cents respectively.

The markets were fairly well supplied with food grains. Standing crops such as *Kar* paddy, paddy, sugar-cane, and *Gidda* ragi are in a good condition. Mungar crops are reported to be suffering for want of rain in the Arsikere Taluk. Transplanting of *Dodda ragi* in parts of Hole-Narsipur Taluk was in progress during the week. *Dodda ragi* is being sown in the Hassan, Arsikere and Channarayapatna Taluks.

The prices are still high.

The prospects of the season are generally good for the present. Rain is urgently wanted in the Arsikere, Channarayapatna and Hole-Narsipur Taluks.

Shimoga District.—No change. The prospects are hopeful.

Kadur District.—Necessary food grains were available in all the markets in sufficient quantities. There was no change in their prices with the exception, that ragi was sold at 10 seers a rupee in the Tarikere Taluk as against 9 seers a rupee in the previous week.

Rainfall was sufficient in all the taluks.

Chitaldrug District.—The seasonal conditions, particularly in the Chitaldrug, Hiriyur, Challakere and Molakalmuru Taluks are not encouraging owing to the failure of mungar rains. The sowing in these taluks has hardly been done and in most places even the lands are not fully prepared for sowing. In other taluks sowings have been completed. The prices of food grains remain the same as in last week.

General (by Food Controller.)—During the week there has been good rainfall in the malnad parts of the Shimoga, Kadur and Hassan Districts and in the western taluks of the Mysore District. Elsewhere, with few exceptions, the rainfall has been scanty and inadequate. The prospects of the season in the Bangalore, Kolar and Chitaldrug Districts are not very satisfactory.

The markets were fairly well supplied. The prices of food grains are generally stationary except that in the Tarikere Taluk the price of ragi has gone down to 10 seers a rupee as against 9 seers a rupee in the previous week. The demand for Burma rice is reported to be dull in all the districts. Some old stock of Burma rice in the Depots in the Shimoga and Kolar Districts which were showing signs of deterioration have been sold to certain merchants from Bangalore.

The whole of July allotment of Burma rice amounting to 2,000 tons has left Rangoon and 900 tons out of this have already arrived in Madras. The balance is expected to arrive during the current week.

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Amendment to Rules 18 of the Land Revenue Code.

READ.—

Government Order No. R. 12988L. R. 325-18-6, dated 9th April 1919, directing that the license granted by the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, to Mr. Ameenuddin Ali for removing Fuller's Earth in the taluks of Nanjangud, T. Narsipur and Chamrajnagar be restricted to two years and stating that separate orders will issue regarding the grant of licenses in such cases in future.